

The Handel & Haydn Society Christopher Hogwood, Artistic Director John Finney, Associate Conductor One Hundred Eighty-Third Season, 1997–98

FESTIVAL ORGAN

Saturday, October 25 at 3:30 p.m. St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston

John Finney, director and organist Roberta Anderson & Gail Abbey, soprano Jane Starkman & Clayton Hoener, violin Phoebe Carrai, violoncello

Sonata a tre, op. 1 No. 1

Largo—Vivace—Largo—Allegro

Antonio Veracini (1659-1733)

Ut queant laxis (Himnus Sancti Joannis) Salve Regina Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

Sonata sopra "La Monica" ("E tanto tempo hormai)

Salomone Rossi

Bone Jesu, verbum Patris, swv 313

Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

Salve Jesu, BUXWV 94 Herr, wenn ich nur dich hab, BUXWV 38 Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637-1707)

Willkommen, süßer Bräutigam

Vincent Lübeck (1654–1740)

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JOHN FINNEY

John Finney is widely praised for his organ and harpsichord playing, as well as for his work directing several Boston-area ensembles. He has performed solo keyboard recitals throughout the United States and in Europe, and has appeared as organist and harpsichordist with H&H, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Bach Ensemble, Ensemble Abendmusik, and the Smithsonian Chamber Players. In addition, Mr. Finney has an active conducting career; he has been H&H Chorusmaster since 1990, and was named Associate Conductor in 1992. He also serves as Director of the University Chorale at Boston College, Director of Music for the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church in Wellesley, and Director of the Heritage Chorale in Framingham. Mr. Finney has recorded for Denon, Decca, and Nonesuch. He is on the faculty of the Boston Conservatory, and also teaches at the Academy for Early Music in Bressanone, Italy.

THE HANDEL & HAYDN SOCIETY

The Handel & Haydn Society is America's premier chorus and period orchestra. Under the artistic direction of renowned conductor Christopher Hogwood since 1986, H&H is a leader in historically informed performance. Each H&H concert is distinguished by the use of instruments, techniques, and performance styles typical of the period in which the music was composed. Founded in Boston in 1815, H&H is the oldest continuously performing arts organization in the country, with a long tradition of musical excellence. In the nineteenth century, the Society gave the American premieres of several Baroque and Classical works, including Handel's *Messiah* (1818), which H&H has performed every year since 1854. In recent years, H&H has achieved widespread acclaim through recordings on the London Records/L'Oiseau-Lyre label, national broadcasts, and performances across North America. In Boston, H&H offers concerts at Symphony Hall and New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall.

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At Symphony Hall

L'ALLEGRO, IL PENSEROSO ED IL MODERATO Christopher Hogwood conducting Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

MESSIAH

John Finney, conducting December 5–10, *Symphony Hall* December 12–14, *Shubert Theater*

BACH & SONS, BRUBECK & SONS

Christopher Hogwood conducting Dave Brubeck and Sons Jan. 30 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 1 at 3 p.m.

JULIUS CAESAR

Christopher Hogwood conducting Mar. 27 at 7 p.m.; Mar. 29 at 2 p.m.

MOZART, LEVIN & HAYDN

Christopher Hogwood conducting Apr. 17 at 8 p.m.; Apr. 19 at 3 p.m.

At NEC's Jordan Hall

CHRISTMAS ORATORIO

John Finney, directing Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 21 at 3 p.m.

A CENTURY OF VENETIAN CHURCH MUSIC

Christopher Hogwood conducting Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.

CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC

John Finney directing Apr. 3 at 8 p.m.

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